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SUBJECT: CHILE DEMARCHED ON DEFAMATION OF RELIGIONS

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¶1. (SBU) Poloff delivered reftel points to the Office of Human Rights at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on December 4, and followed up by telephone with office Deputy Director Gerardo Ateaga on December 9. (Ateaga had just returned to the office after more than two weeks away.)

¶2. (SBU) Ateaga welcomed the USG appreciation for Chile's no vote. He said that the defamation of religions issue was one that many GRULAC countries did not focus on, and was difficult to understand. He noted that it would likely be easier to secure abstentions than no votes from GRULAC countries.

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